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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS

1. ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL DEC 20 BELATEDLY REPORTED
DEC 18 KAUNDA PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ON ZAMBIAN-
PORTUGUESE RELATIONS. PRESIDENT SAID THAT ALTHOUGH
QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH PORTUGAL HAS NOT YET BEEN CONSIDERED, PARTY
AND GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT OPPOSE THE IDEA AND
WOULD, IN FACT, BE QUITE WILLING TO CONSIDER IT.
KAUNDA ADDED THAT ZAMBIA WELCOMES STAND TAKEN
BY PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND ITS MOVES TOWARD
DECOLONIZATION. PORTUGAL HAS MADE ITS STAND
CLEAR ON DECOLONIZATION PROCESS, PRESIDENT SAID,
AND IF THERE WERE ANY HITCHES IT WAS FAULT
OF "THE LOCAL PEOPLE THEMSELVES."

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2. PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT FOLLOWS REVELATION
BY UNITA LEADER JONAS SAVIMBI THAT PORTUGUESE
OFFICIAL DELEGATION HAD PARTICIPATED IN TALKS
WITH HIM AND MPLA PRESIDENT NETO IN LUSAKA
LAST WEEKEND.
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